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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 14, 2010, attached is the completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b. Please apply the charge of \$1810 for the required issue fee and publication fee and any additional charges or credits to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of claims 25, 26, 31-46 and 49-52 is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance on page 2 of the attachment to the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW OF DECEMBER 22, 2009

As mentioned on page 2 of the attachment to the Notice of Allowability, the undersigned agreed that dependent claims 47 and 48 could be cancelled. The Examiner initiated the call and suggested the cancellations because the claim wording appeared to be somewhat inconsistent with the independent claim from which they depended. No prior art was discussed.

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